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BYKHOV MRBM COMPLEX, USSR LAUNCH AREA NO 1



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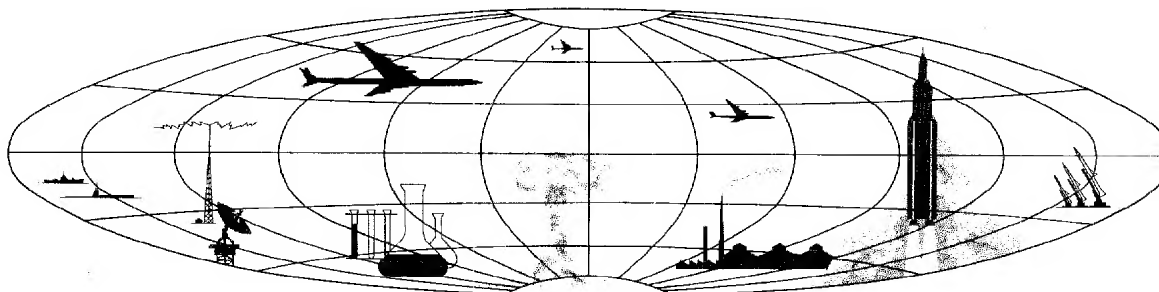


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Launch Area No 1 (TDI name: Sledyuki MRBM Site)
53-41-30N 30-20-30E BE No: Not available

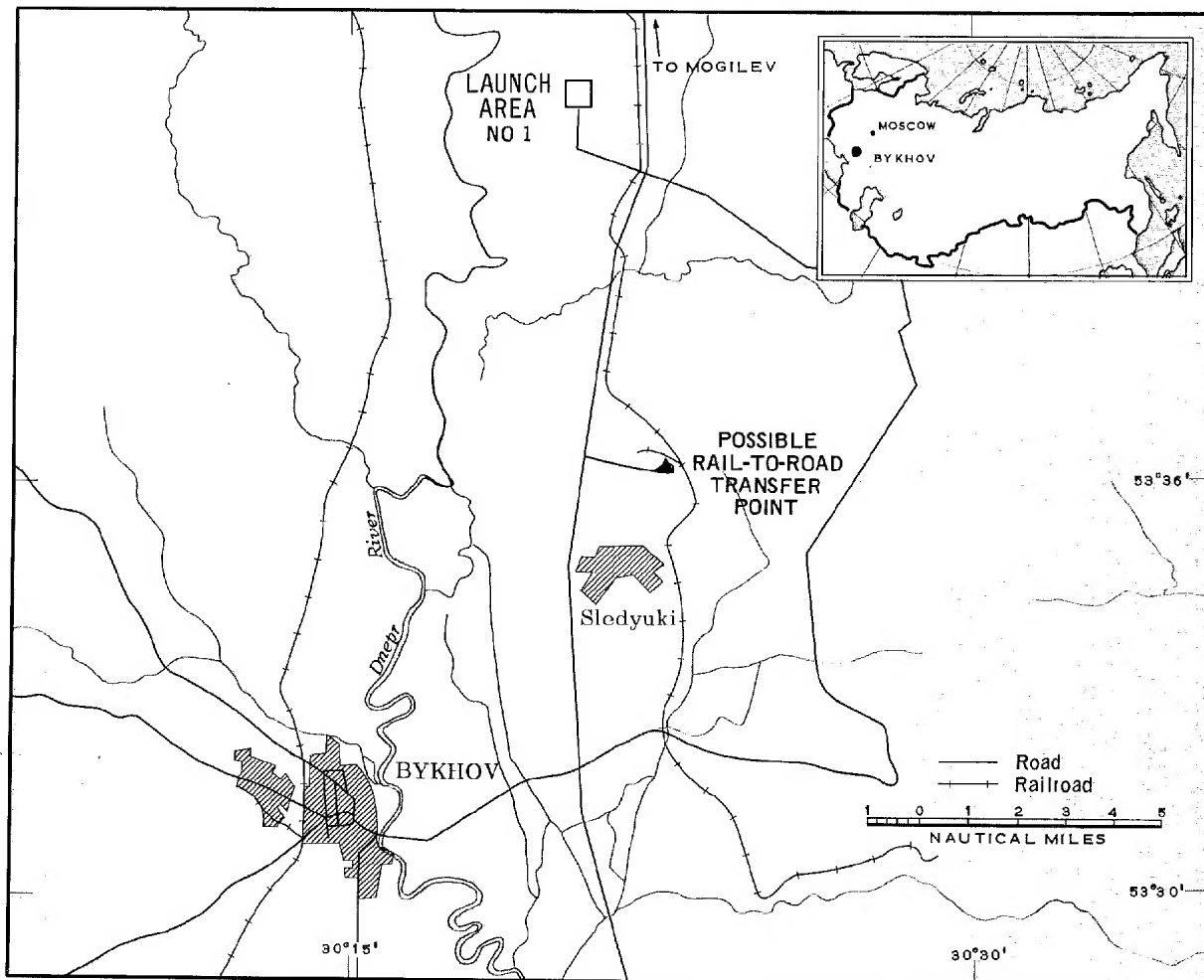


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF BYKHOV MRBM COMPLEX, USSR.

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This report, based on [redacted] photography of [redacted] updates NPIC/R-187/64, dated March 1964. 1/ Bykhov MRBM Launch Area No 1 (Figure 1) is situated on the eastern bank of the Dnepr River, about 7 nautical miles (nm) north of the town of Sledyuki and 11 nm north-northeast of

Bykhov. The launch area is not associated with another MRBM launch area; the nearest is Gomel MRBM Launch Area No 2, located approximately 90 nm to the south-southeast.

The launch area was not evident on good-quality [redacted] photographic coverage of [redacted]. However, within

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a period of [] portions of the missile-ready buildings and associated road network were observed through clouds on photography of []. Photography of [] revealed the entire launch area, but the poor quality of the photography precluded the determination of its construction status. Photography of [] however, disclosed the launch area as being complete.

The launch area possibly utilizes a rail siding at a peat-processing plant located 4 nm to the south. The typical road pattern of an MRBM rail-to-road transfer point, consisting of a road parallel to a siding with a turnaround loop at one end, is present. Also, several

warehouse-type buildings are discernible along the siding. An improved road from the launch area connects with a highway leading south from Mogilev to the processing plant.

The launch area (Figure 2) is located in a forest at 53-41-30N 30-20-30E. It contains four poorly defined launch pads 425 feet apart arranged on an offset inline road pattern. The inline roads serving each of the four pads are oriented due north. Four missile-ready buildings, three of which are located directly behind pads and the fourth on a loop road east of the pads, measure 190 by 65 feet. A smaller building 115 by 40 is situated behind one of the inner pads. A similar arrangement of the four ready buildings with a smaller

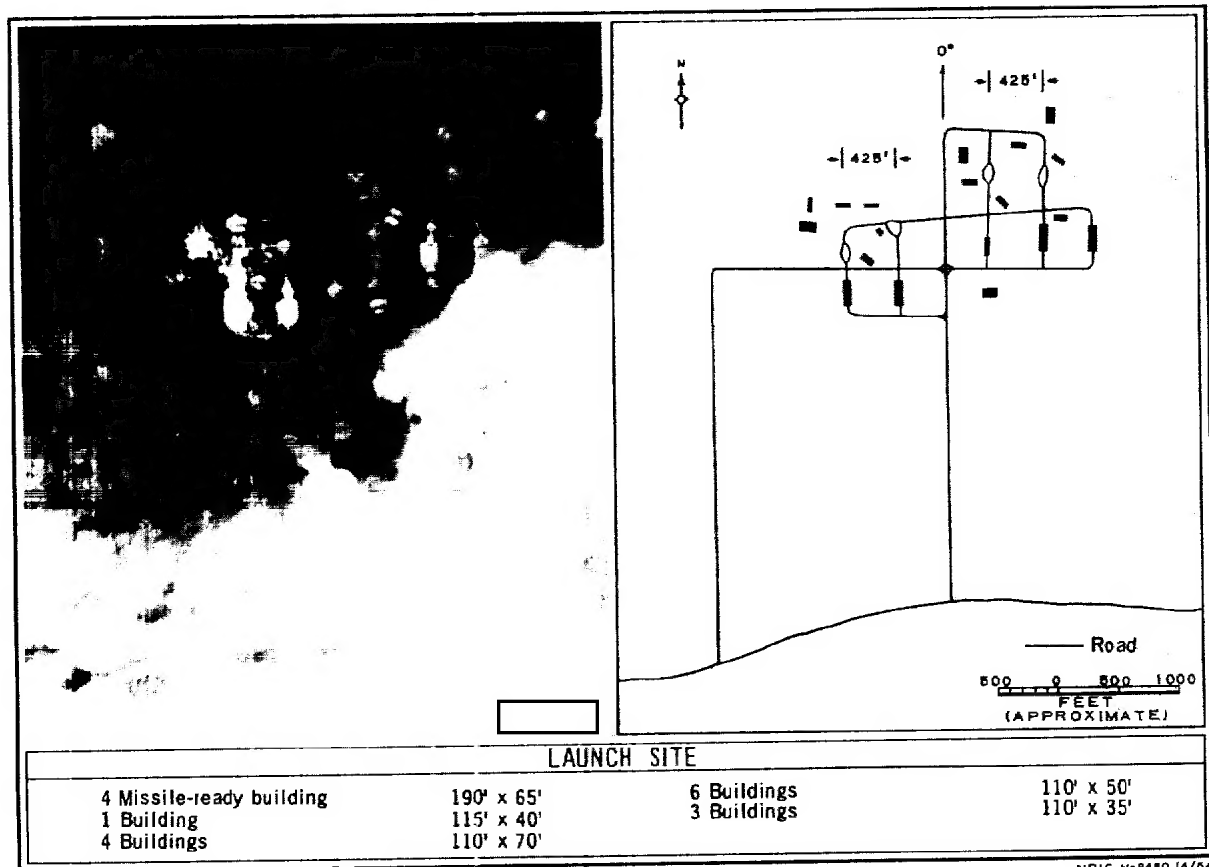


FIGURE 2. BYKHOV MRBM LAUNCH AREA NO 1.

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building behind one of the inner pads is noted at each of eight other singly deployed launch areas in the USSR. Each of these launch areas does not have an associated site support facility.

Three small buildings appear to be grouped

about each of the four launch pads and probable scars connect some of the buildings to the pads.

No site support facility [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] discernible in the launch area; however, clouds obscure a portion of the surrounding area.

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